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Ajay I. Dalal, M.D.
Vice President/Secretary
Norwich Radiology Group, P.C.
12 Case Street
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 04-30267-DTR
Norwich Radiology Group, P.C.
Expansion of Outpatient MR Imaging Practice to Putnam

Dear Dr. Dalal:

On March 9, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Norwich Radiology Group, P.C. ("NRG") to expand its outpatient MR imaging practice to 35 Kennedy Drive in Putnam, at a total capital cost of \$398,766. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Norwich Radiology Group, P.C. is an existing radiology practice staffed and owned by private practice radiologists.
2. NRG's radiologists are board certified with more than ten years of MRI scanning experience.
3. NRG's radiologists along with its licensed technicians currently staff a full service diagnostic imaging center located at 12 Case Street in Norwich.
4. NRG proposes to expand its existing outpatient MR imaging practice to an office to be located at 35 Kennedy Drive in Putnam that is projected to become operational in June 2004.
5. The patient population to be served by NRG's proposal resides in the Northeastern Connecticut towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Chaplin, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson and Woodstock.
6. Currently, the patient population in this area is served only by Day Kimball Hospital.

7. NRG proposes to lease and operate a General Electric Signa Horizon LX MRI unit to be operated at NRG's outpatient MR imaging office in Putnam.
8. The total capital cost associated with the proposal is \$398,766, which includes \$367,266 for the MRI unit and \$31,500 for building renovations.
9. The proposal's total capital cost of \$398,766 will be financed through a capital lease agreement.
10. NRG participates in all health insurance/managed care plans including Medicare and Medicaid.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Norwich Radiology Group, P.C. to expand its outpatient MR imaging practice to 35 Kennedy Drive in Putnam, at a total capital cost of \$398,766. Please be advised, however, that if NRG changes the scope of services to be provided at this location or incurs a total capital cost equal to or greater than \$400,000 for the MRI unit, or incurs a total capital expenditure equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 for the project, Certificate of Need approval from OHCA would then be required.

Thank you for letting OHCA know of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Harold M. Oberg, Principal Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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